

IN THE CLAIMS:

Substitute the following claims for the currently pending claims:

1-49. (canceled)

50. (original) A drifting apparatus for use in a wellbore junction installed in a subterranean well, the apparatus comprising:

a drift;

a displacement device displacing the drift in the wellbore junction; and

a securing device securing the apparatus relative to the wellbore junction.

51. (original) The apparatus according to Claim 50, wherein the displacement device displaces the drift in response to pressure applied to the displacement device.

52. (original) The apparatus according to Claim 51, wherein the displacement device displaces the drift in response to pressure applied to a tubular string connected to the drifting apparatus.

53. (original) The apparatus according to Claim 51, wherein the displacement device includes a piston exposed to pressure applied to the displacement device, the piston being attached to the drift, and the piston displacing the drift when a predetermined pressure is applied to the displacement device.

54. (original) The apparatus according to Claim 50, wherein the securing device includes an outwardly extendable gripping structure.

55. (original) The apparatus according to Claim 54, wherein the gripping structure includes at least one slip.

56. (original) The apparatus according to Claim 54, wherein the gripping structure outwardly extends from the drifting apparatus when a predetermined pressure is applied to the apparatus.

57. (original) The apparatus according to Claim 50, wherein the securing device includes a latch which engages a latch profile attached to the wellbore junction.

58. (original) The apparatus according to Claim 57, wherein the latch is an orienting latch and the latch profile is an orienting latch profile, whereby the drifting apparatus is radially oriented relative to the wellbore junction when the latch engages the latch profile.

59. (original) The apparatus according to Claim 58, further comprising a deflection device for deflecting the drift relative to the wellbore junction, the deflection device being radially oriented relative to the wellbore junction when the latch is engaged with the latch profile.

60. (original) The apparatus according to Claim 50, further comprising a deflection device releasably attached to the displacement device, the deflection device laterally deflecting the drift when the displacement device displaces the drift in the wellbore junction.

61. (original) The apparatus according to Claim 60, wherein the deflection device is released, permitting relative displacement between the displacement device and the deflection device, when a predetermined pressure is applied to the drifting apparatus.

62. (original) The apparatus according to Claim 60, further comprising an enlarged shoulder attached to the drift, and a no-go shoulder attached to the deflection device, engagement between the enlarged shoulder and the no-go shoulder permitting retrieval of the deflection device with the displacement device after the deflection device is released for displacement relative to the displacement device.

63-68. (canceled)

69. (original) A method of drifting an expandable wellbore junction in a subterranean well, the method comprising the steps of:

conveying a drifting apparatus into the wellbore junction; and

displacing a drift of the drifting apparatus in at least one of multiple intersecting tubular legs of the wellbore junction.

70. (original) The method according to Claim 69, wherein the conveying step further comprises conveying a deflection device into the wellbore junction, the deflection device being configured to deflect the drift to enter a selected one of the wellbore junction tubular legs.

71. (original) The method according to Claim 70, wherein in the conveying step the drifting apparatus and deflection device are conveyed into the wellbore junction in a single trip into the well.

72. (original) The method according to Claim 71, further comprising the step of retrieving the drifting apparatus and deflection device from the well.

73. (original) The method according to Claim 72, wherein the conveying and retrieving steps are performed in the single trip into the well.

74. (original) The method according to Claim 70, further comprising the step of radially orienting the deflection device relative to the wellbore junction.

75. (original) The method according to Claim 74, wherein the radially orienting step further comprises engaging an orienting profile attached to the wellbore junction.

76. (original) The method according to Claim 75, wherein the engaging step further comprises engaging a latch of the drifting apparatus with the orienting profile.

77. (original) The method according to Claim 74, wherein the radially orienting step further comprises simultaneously radially orienting both the drifting apparatus and the deflection device relative to the wellbore junction.

78. (original) The method according to Claim 77, further comprising the step of securing the deflection device relative to the wellbore junction after the radially orienting step.

79. (original) The method according to Claim 78, wherein the securing step further comprises engaging an engagement device attached to the deflection device with an engagement profile attached to the wellbore junction.

80. (original) The method according to Claim 78, further comprising the step of releasing the drifting apparatus for displacement relative to the deflection device after the securing step.

81. (original) The method according to Claim 80, wherein the releasing step is performed by applying a first predetermined pressure to the drifting apparatus.

82. (original) The method according to Claim 80, further comprising the step of anchoring the drifting apparatus relative to the wellbore junction after the releasing step.

83. (original) The method according to Claim 82, wherein the anchoring step is performed by applying a second predetermined pressure to the drifting apparatus.

84. (original) The method according to Claim 82, wherein the anchoring step further comprises outwardly extending a gripping structure from the drifting apparatus.

85. (original) The method according to Claim 82, further comprising the steps of displacing the drift, and deflecting the drift off of the deflection device.

86. (original) The method according to Claim 85, wherein the displacing step is performed by applying a third predetermined pressure to the drifting apparatus.

87. (original) The method according to Claim 85, wherein the displacing and deflecting steps are performed after the anchoring step.

88. (original) The method according to Claim 69, wherein in the conveying step the drifting apparatus includes a tubular string having a knuckle joint interconnected therein, and further comprising the step of actuating the knuckle joint to direct the drift toward the at least one of the wellbore junction tubular legs.

89. (original) The method according to Claim 88, wherein the actuating step is performed after the conveying step and before the displacing step.

90. (original) The method according to Claim 88, wherein the actuating step is performed by applying pressure to the tubular string.